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SUBJECT: PARTICIPATION IN THE MFM WORKING GROUP ON
TRANSNATIONAL ENTERPRISES

REF: STATE 235839 AND 223271

1. POL COUNSELOR OCTOBER 29 DISCUSSED WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY'S DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL POLICY DIAZ-GONZALEZ THE IMPORTANCE WHICH THE US ATTACHES TO THE PREPARATORY SESSIONS OF THE MFM WORKING GROUP ON TRANSNATIONAL ENTERPRISES. DIAZ-GONZALEZ FULLY AGREED AS TO THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS UNDERTAKING AND EVINCED ENTIRE FAMILIARITY WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF THE WORK OF THE GROUP AND ITS SCHEDULE. DIAZ-GONZALEZ STATED THAT VENEZUELA PLANS TO SEND TO FIRST AND SECOND PREPARATORY SESSIONS ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM HIS OFFICE IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY (DIRECTORATE OF INTERNATIONAL POLICY) AND ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN TRADE (ICE). DIAZ-GONZALEZ PROMISED TO PROVIDE THEIR NAMES AS SOON AS THEY ARE CHOSEN.

2. LAST WEEK ECON COUNSELOR HAD INFORMALLY RAISED THIS MATTER WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT, RAFAEL SOTO ALVAREZ, ALSO STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE THE US IS GIVING
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TO THE DIALOGUE PRODUCED BY THE MFM WORKING GROUP AND ITS END

PRODUCT. SOTO ALVAREZ DID NOT SEEM TO BE AWARE OF THIS MFM
WORKING GROUP. HOWEVER, ECON COUNSELOR SUBSEQUENTLY MENTIONED
THE MATTER WITH SOTO ALVAREZ'S DEPUTY, SR. ARAYA, WHO WAS
FAMILIAR WITH THE WORKING GROUP. ECON COUNSELOR AGAIN EMPHASIZED
THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS DIALOGUE AND URGED GOV ATTENTION TO IT BY
POLICY-LEVEL OFFICIALS. ARAYA INDICATED THAT A REPRESENTATIVE OF
THE SUPERINTENDENCY OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT MAY ALSO
ATTEND THE PREPARATORY SESSIONS OF THE WORKING GROUP.
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